



# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 20, 2016

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Harvesting continued on two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Cotton defoliated was at 82 percent complete by week's end, below the previous year at 86 percent and ahead of the 5 year average at 66 percent. Cotton harvest was 65 percent complete, below the previous year at 69 percent and ahead of the 5 year average at 62 percent. Cotton condition was rated mostly good to excellent last week. Last week, central Arizona growers shipped beets, broccoli, cabbage (green and red), cantaloupes, cauliflower, cilantro, collard greens, honeydews, kale greens, Swiss chard, and parsley. In western Arizona, growers shipped anise, arugula, broccoli, cantaloupes, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, honeydews, kale greens, Boston lettuce, iceberg lettuce, green leaf lettuce, processed lettuce, romaine lettuce, red leaf lettuce, bok choy, parsley, radicchio, and spinach. Rangeland conditions varied widely depending on location but were rated mostly good to fair. Unseasonably warm and dry weather has been reducing soil moisture, and colder temperatures reduced transpiration demands in some areas of the State. Mesa and Yuma recorded the least precipitation during the week at 0.01 inches while Buckeye reported the most at 0.66 inches. San Simon year to date precipitation at 10.33 inches is the highest percent of normal in the State at 113 percent. The driest, at 39 percent of normal, was experienced at Coolidge. The highest temperature during the week was 93 degrees reported at Paloma. The lowest temperature during the week was 11 degrees at Grand Canyon.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated.....	82	75	86	66
Harvested .....	65	58	69	62

NA – not available

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### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	7.0	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	2	2	1	NA
Short .....	29	28	11	NA
Adequate.....	65	66	77	NA
Surplus.....	4	4	11	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	14	14	1	NA
Short .....	13	12	9	NA
Adequate.....	71	72	82	NA
Surplus.....	2	2	8	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

# CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor .....	4	3	4	NA
Poor.....	1	1	2	NA
Fair .....	23	23	19	NA
Good.....	42	43	42	NA
Excellent .....	30	30	33	NA
Cotton				
Very poor .....	8	7	NA	NA
Poor.....	2	2	NA	NA
Fair .....	14	14	NA	NA
Good.....	48	49	NA	NA
Excellent .....	28	28	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	10	10	8	27
Poor.....	14	13	8	15
Fair .....	33	33	34	28
Good.....	38	36	43	27
Excellent .....	5	8	7	3

NA – not available

(--) – zero

Arizona's weather data can be accessed at the following:

[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&\\_Condition/2016/AZ\\_Weather\\_11202016.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/AZ_Weather_11202016.pdf)